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SENATOR SYAS: You said you'd been contacted. Now somebody must have objected.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: They're not objecting to the bill, they are objecting to the amendments to the bill which now would constitute the bill and they are not so much objecting to them as saying, let, you'd better figure out where it's going to take you and this is with regard to a very important subject to those who deal with workmen's compensation...

SENATOR SYAS: Well, who--be a little more specific. Is the compensation courts objecting, lawyers, who?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well, the compensation court objected in the first instance to acting too hastily, yes, I put that in the committee report to the Legislature. That was stated very clearly in there. Then we did prepare the amendments but the amendments did not include all of the thoughts that were brought together by the Bar Association, by the Workmen's Compensation Court, by the labor unions, the people at, the AFL-CIO, all the people who have an interest in this particular bill. It's a very involved bill and all that I'm saying to you, sir, I do not wish to debate it here on the floor, that it would be well to take it back because of all these people. There isn't any one has any specific objection to the bill except that they said you'd better make sure this is what you want before you take it and pass it.

SENATOR SYAS: All right, what's the labor union's stand on it? You said they are objecting to the bill?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I do not know their present position on it.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, you used them just a minute ago in the statement.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I'm just telling you that I was advised by them along the way that they wanted to make sure that this was going to improve the procedure rather than to make it more difficult to obtain workmen's compensation payments.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, in your opinion are they for or against it?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Right now I do not know. And that's one of the reasons why I'd like to have it taken back if you want to know.

SPEAKER: The motion before the house is to recommit LB 223 to the Judiciary Committee. If there's no further discussion, we'll take a machine vote. Those in favor of recommitting the bill vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Senator Whitney voting aye.

CLERK: Senator Whitney voting aye.

SPEAKER: Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 6 nays, 16 not voting.

SPEAKER: The motion passes, the bill is recomitted. LB 45 was specifically for today.

CLERK: Reads title. There are voluminous committee amendments, Mr. President, by Senator Kremer's Public Works Committee. In addition to that, Mr. President, there are amendments offered by Senator Barnett to the Public Works Committee's amendments.

SPEAKER: We'll first take up the committee amendments. Are you ready... Senator Kremer, are you ready to explain the amendments to LB 45?